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TAGS: ELAB, EAID, TH
SUBJ: AAFLI PROGRAM

REF: BANGKOK 3663

1. GIST OF REFTEL CONVEYED TO AAFLI. PLANS ARE TO BEGIN FIRST FOUR-WEEK COURSE ON APRIL 2 AS SCHEDULED.
2. FYI, JACK GOODWYN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, AND ANOTHER TOP AAFLI OFFICIAL, CHARLES GREY, HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AAFLI INTENTIONS TO POSTPONE SECOND COURSE, SCHEDULED TO START IN MAY, IF IT SHOULD OVERLAP WITH POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING PRIOR TO CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM OR NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION. END FYI.
3. THESE ONE OR TWO INITIAL COURSES WILL PROVIDE AAFLI THE OCCASION TO TEST THE WATERS. ONLY IF THAT TEST IS FAVORABLE, AAFLI OFFICIALS STATE, WOULD THEY PROCEED WITH DEVELOPING A PROGRAM THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY INVOLVE ASSIGNING A PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE.
4. AS FOR MAKING BANGKOK ONE OF ITS REGIONAL CENTERS,
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AAFLI OFFICIALS REPORT THAT THIS IS ONLY A "REMOTE" POS-

SIBILITY. A DECISION ON A REGIONAL CENTER IS STILL "FAR
DOWN THE ROAD," SO FAR, IN FACT, THAT IT REPORTEDLY HAS NOT
EVEN BEEN RAISED WITH THE THAIS. KISSINGER

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